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SUBJECT: 12TH MEETING OF PERMANENT COMMISSION ON
SOUTH PACIFIC

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF CHILE, ECUADOR AND PERU INTEND
CONCLUDE 12TH REGULAR MEETING OF PERMANENT COMMISSION
TODAY (JANUARY 10 - ONE DAY EARLY) AMID FLURRY OF
STATEMENTS EMPHASIZING UNANIMITY OF SUPPORT OFFERED BY
PARTICIPANTS FOR DECISIONS OF COMMISSION IN DEFENSE OF
COMMON INTERESTS AND 200 MILE "TERRITORIAL" SEA.

2. AMONG DECISIONS REACHED SINCE OPENING OF SESSION
JANUARY 7 ARE AGREEMENT ON TRANSFER OF SEAT OF COMMISSION
TO CHILE FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS AND REPLACEMENT AS COMMISSION
SECRETARY GENERAL OF ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR RODRIGO VALDEZ
BAQUERO BY CHILEAN ADMIRAL JOSE COSTA FRANKE. ALONG WITH
ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO
POSTURE TO BE ADOPTED AT JUNE LOS MEETING IN CARACAS (OF
WHICH WE NOT YET INFORMED), THESE ITEMS WILL BE SUBMITTED
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TO PLENARY SESSION CONVOKED FOR THIS AFTERNOON.

3. IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH QUITO DAILY EL TIEMPO, CHILEAN DELEGATE AMBASSADOR ENRIQUE GAJARDO VILLARROEL REITERATED CHILEAN LOS POSITION OF 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE AND 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. ASKED WHETHER DIFFERENCES EXISTED BETWEEN THE THREE STATES WITH RESPECT TO THIS MATTER (SEE QUITO 0140 FOR JULIO PRADO'S EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THIS POINT), AMBASSADOR GAJARDO SAID: QUOTE. YES. THERE ARE DIFFERENCES AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES; BUT THE ESSENTIAL POINT IS THEIR UNITY WITH RESPECT TO AN ECONOMIC ZONE OF 200 MILES WITH EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO THE EXPLOITATION OF ITS RICHES AND WITH FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT. END QUOTE.

4. ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES OPENED MEETING JANUARY 7 AVOIDING ANY BUT MOST GENERAL REFERENCES TO OPPOSITION TO ECUADOREAN POSITION WITH RESPECT TO ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS. HE, OF COURSE, PROCLAIMED ECUADOREAN SUPPORT FOR TRIPARTITE SANTIAGO DECLARATION OF 1952, BUT CAREFULLY LEFT ROOM FOR POSSIBLE ECUADOREAN ACCOMODATION ON FREE PASSAGE, ECONOMIC ZONE, ETC. WITHOUT PROMISING ANYTHING.

5. COMMENT: COMMISSION DECISIONS ON REGULATION OF RECIPROCAL FISHING RIGHTS AND UNIFICATION OF LOS POSITION HAVE NOT YET SURFACED BUT WILL BE REPORTED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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